



Proclamation

The State of Hawai'i joins the nation in recognizing the month of September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. These 30 days celebrate individuals who make the choice to end their substance abuse along with families and health care providers who help recovering addicts obtain treatment.

Substance abuse, mental health disorders and physical illnesses are all treatable problems that affect thousands of Americans regardless of age, race or ethnic background.

Assessing our citizens' needs for addiction treatment, referring them to appropriate programs and connecting family members with support services are the crucial steps helping with recovery.

In celebration of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, the Wai'anae Men in Recovery will host the second annual *Hands Across the State*. The Wai'anae Men in Recovery and Wai'anae Women in Recovery are organizations committed to empowering communities by raising public awareness of substance abuse issues and hosting educational and community activities to promote drug-free life styles. For their dedicated efforts, they are supported financially by SAMSHA/CSAT through the help of the National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse.

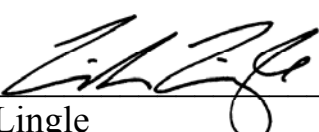
During this statewide observance on Saturday, September 16, participants will join hands for a minute of silence to honor those in recovery and those who still suffer from addiction. This will take place at Mā'ili Beach Park and at other public and private locations across our state.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2006, as

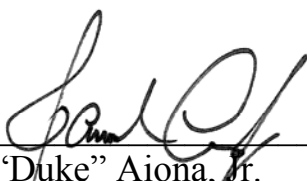
HANDS ACROSS THE STATE DAY

in Hawai'i, and congratulate all those in recovery for their strength and determination to live a clean and healthy lifestyle.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twelfth day of September 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

